

The Wharf Children's Centre Newsletter
Autumn Term
10th September - 14th December 2018



Our Vision: "To work with local partners and families to ensure we are providing services that have a positive impact on all 0-5 year-olds across our community"

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Welcome back everyone!

I hope your little ones who are starting school and nursery are looking forward to their new chapter. The summer started very well and lots of you were out and about enjoying the sun, sea and our fab countryside. As many of you that had booked a place are aware, we had to cancel the water fun day, ironically because this was on one of the few days of heavy rain we had. Luckily the teddy bears picnic was a lovely day and it was great to see some old faces.

Half Term Activities: 22nd - 26th Oct. 2018

Family Fun Play and Learn with a ghoulish theme: Thurs. 25th Oct, 9.30 - 11am at The Eashing Building, Eashing Lane. Please call to book your place as space is limited.

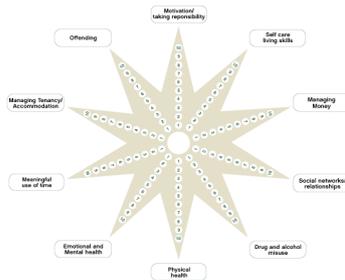


Baby Group:

Tues. 23rd October
 10 - 11am at our Townsite (Woolsack Way).

Outcomes Star

The Children's Centre team are still using Outcomes Star, a tool for monitoring the progress of families we are supporting. We would appreciate your support as we roll this programme out. Some of you may be asked to help us with this.



Breast Feeding

The Children's Centre is pleased to announce that it has now been accredited with Level 3 for Breast-feeding. This means that all staff have been thoroughly trained to meet the UNICEF standards required for us to achieve baby friendly status. Please see the breast feeding noticeboards and make use of the excellent range of books we have available to borrow.



Activity	Day	Time
Play and Learn Drop-In	Monday Eashing	1.30 - 2.45pm
Baby Play and Learn	Tuesday Townsite	10.00 - 11.00am
Toddle Tots Play and Learn Drop-in	Wednesday Townsite	9.45 - 11.00am
Chatterchums	Wednesday Eashing	10.30 - 11.30am
Play and Learn (invite only)	Thursday Eashing	9.30 - 11.00am
Play and Learn Drop-in	Friday Townsite	9.15 - 10.30am

The Wharf Children's Centre:

Town Site:

Woolsack Way, Godalming, GU7 1JG
 Tel. 01483 415220
 office@wharf.surrey.sch.uk

Outreach Site:

Eashing Building, Eashing Lane,
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Our website: www.wharf.surrey.sch.uk

Training and Courses:

4-Week Parenting Puzzle

Course:

A recognised Parenting Course that gives parents strategies to deal with all aspects of their children's behaviour.

Mondays 10-12noon on 19th, 26th November, 3rd and 10th December 2018.

Please book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Contact Fiona on
01483 418652 or
email:

officego@wharf.surrey.sch.uk

Maths is Everywhere:

5-week course

**Wednesdays 12.45-2.45pm,
31st Oct-28th Nov. 2018**

An ideal course for parents to support their children just starting nursery or school. Lots of great ideas to encourage your child to look at maths used in every day tasks.

Baby Massage:

If you are interested in attending Baby Massage please call Fiona on 01483 418652 or email her on:

officego@wharf.surrey.sch.uk
to register your interest.



Proposed cuts

Like many services funded by Surrey County Council the Children's Centres across Surrey are preparing to face cuts. We have been asked to produce proposals to provide services on a 50% and 20% cut in budget. These proposals have been put to the Council and we are awaiting feedback.

Parents and stakeholders will have the chance to have a say on these before final decisions are made.

Please speak to a member of the Children's Centre Team if you would like further information.

NO PARKING is available on either site other than a **disabled parking space**. Several parking fines have been issued to those parking in Homebase for the Town Site (Woolsack Way).

Free parking is available near each site, but please be sure to check any restrictions / time limits. Users of the Eashing Building need to park in the surrounding streets as the onsite carpark belongs to Green Oak School. Thankyou.

Volunteers

We have a number of vacancies for volunteers who help us in the groups. To date all of our volunteers have been successful in finding new jobs. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us for more information.



Don't forget your scrap books, ask the staff about these. They are lovely keepsakes for your children and fantastic evidence for the Children's Centre of children's learning.

Keep up to date with all the latest group information on our website :
www.wharf.surrey.sch.uk

Data Collection

As a Children's Centre, it may seem that we are constantly asking you for information and to complete forms. We would like to thank all of you who have completed an E-Start Form and would like to reassure you that the information we collect is only used within Children's Centres, to ensure that we meet the requirements of Ofsted and to help us with future planning.

Safeguarding Statement

The Wharf Children's Centre is committed to ensuring that all children are safe and protected from significant harm. To help us to do this we may need to work with partner agencies and share information with them. Concerns will be discussed with the parent/carer unless we believe that this will be contrary to the child's welfare. It is everybody's responsibility to protect children so if you have any concerns then please call The Hub on 0300 1231640.